

Dear Caroline,

21 September 2020

"World leaders past and present urge UK Government to end Assange extradition proceedings."

Today 21 September, **Jeremy Corbyn** MP has taken courage and spoken out publicly joining world leaders in condemning the kangaroo court / extradition hearing currently being heard at the Old Bailey.

<https://www.pressgazette.co.uk/world-leaders-past-and-present-urge-uk-government-to-end-assange-extradition-proceedings/>

You (and Corbyn) missed an earlier opportunity to do this in 2019 by not signing this EDM (that 5 other MPs did sign).

<https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/53306/ongoing-incarceration-of-julian-assange>

Instead Corbyn and yourself (and 20 other MPs) signed the much weaker EDM in July this year, "That this House notes the July 2020 statement by the National Union of Journalists, the International Federation of Journalists, Reporters Without Borders and others in relation to the WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange and affirms its commitment to press freedom and public-interest journalism."

<https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/57256/julian-assange-press-freedom-and-publicinterest-journalism>

In previous correspondence with me, you have indicated as one reason for your reluctance to speak out publicly in condemning the legal corruption and abuses of Julian Assange by UK authorities in the lead up to, and now unfolding in a London court, was a fear of risk of breaking 'sub judice' laws or conventions applicable to parliamentarians to "call on the Government to ensure that Mr Assange is released". This link suggests your public record as being one of near silence.

<https://duckduckgo.com/?q=Caroline+Lucas+Julian+Assange&t=ffab&ia=web>

"Twelve current and former world leaders are among those calling on the UK Government to end extradition proceedings against Julian Assange, arguing that he should not be prosecuted for his political opinions or actions as a publisher.

The president of Argentina Alberto Fernández joined former Labour leader **Jeremy Corbyn** and 159 other heads of state, diplomats, ministers and parliamentarians past and present to object to the ongoing prosecution as it entered its third week at the Old Bailey."

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So now I ask you yet again, as a fellow MP to join **Jeremy Corbyn** MP publicly and support the growing global call for the immediate release of Julian Assange and to end all extradition proceedings.

Further, I ask you to condemn the near global mainstream media silence on this monumentally important process.

https://www.newsnow.co.uk/h/Hot+Topics/People+in+the+News/Julian+Assange#nn_gtm_a=mmenu-nav

Thank you, Regards,